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is a seven-member citizen board that advises officials on environmental matters, provides a public forum for the discussion of issues and monitors environmental conditions. To receive the free EQC newsletter, call (502)564-2150 ext. 160, email EQC@mail.state.ky.us, or write to EQC at 14 Reilly Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601. You can also submit your comments at our Web site at www.kyeqc.net. Printed bimonthly on recycled paper with state funds.

EQC CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF PROTECTING KENTUCKY'S ENVIRONMENT

Are you concerned about the quality of Kentucky's environment? You can now **express your concerns to state officials in an online survey**. You can also view live results from the survey. To date, 71% of respondents indicate they are very concerned about the environment and 51% indicate that state environmental laws are not strict enough. Maybe you would rather view a **timeline of environmental events** in Kentucky dating back to the 1750s. Or read what Wendell Berry, Dr. Thomas Clark and others say about the environmental challenges facing Kentucky in a **collection of essays**.

The survey, timeline and essays are all part of a new Web site created to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Environmental Quality Commission. Thirty years ago, legislation creating the EQC was passed. The legislation had 60 sponsors and served as a strong statement that the protection of Kentucky's environment was important and critical to our future. EQC, for the first time, gave citizens a role in state environmental decision making and created a process to ensure public input.

Gov. Paul Patton in a proclamation noted that "EQC serves a vital role as a forum to allow citizens of this great Commonwealth an opportunity to voice their concerns and discuss environmental matters of public concern in a constructive manner."

Please take the time to check out the new EQC Anniversary Web site at www.kyeqc.net today and fill out the survey.

ENERGY IN THE NEWS



State Energy Strategy Under Development

Gov. Patton has announced plans to develop a long-term energy policy for the Commonwealth. "We will take steps to reach beyond a vision and develop a plan that ensures Kentucky's low cost energy advantage, promotes economic development, the use of Kentucky's largest natural resource and protects our fragile environment," Gov. Patton said. Federal and state agencies, along with industry and academic experts, will be involved in the development of the strategy. Contact: Annette Dupont-Ewing Public Service Commission, (502) 564-3940 X244, annette.dupont-ewing@mail.state.ky.us

Power Plant Siting Citizens Guide Available

The new state board set up to review new power plant projects and transmission lines has published a guide for citizens interested in participating in the process. The Ky. State Board on Electrical Generation and Transmission Siting's guide can be downloaded at www.psc.state.ky.us/agencies/psc/siting_board/merchant.htm or you may request a copy by contacting (502) 564-3940 or writing to the board at P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602.

EQC REVIEWS FORESTRY ISSUES AND MAXEY FLATS RADIOACTIVE WASTE SITE -- ISSUES RECOMMENDATIONS

The Environmental Quality Commission passed several recommendations at its May 30-31 public meetings. To view these recommendations see www.kyeqc.net or contact EQC at (502) 564-2150, ext. 149.

■ 10 recommendations regarding **Maxey Flats** Radioactive Waste Superfund Site in Fleming County included the need for additional fish tissue testing, development of an emergency response plan and stronger public outreach program.

■ 6 recommendations regarding **Kentucky's Forest Resource** included funding a landowner incentive program and requiring a notice of intent to log.

■ A resolution on **Mining federal coal reserves on the Daniel Boone National Forest** calling for an environmental impact statement.

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

July 25 - Public Hearing concerning Thoroughbred Generation Station/Power Plant. Greenville. N. Muhlenberg High School, 502 189 Bypass Rd., 6:30 PM CT. Contact Division of Air Quality at (502) 573-3382.

Aug. 12-16 - Fundamentals of Watershed Assessment and Restoration Univ. of Louisville. Contact: Dr. Jeff Jack, (502) 852-5940 or jeff.jack@louisville.edu

Aug. 16 - Kentucky Professional Engineers in Mining Seminar - Lexington. Holiday Inn North. Contact: Geaunita Caylor, (859) 257-5500 or <http://www.uky.edu/KGS/gsa2002/>

Aug. 28-29- Ky. Pollution Prevention Center Conference "Bridging the Borders to Electronics Reuse and Recycling" - Louisville. Galt House. Contact: Lissa McCracken, (502) 852-0965 or <http://www.kppc.org>

Sept. 4-6 - Ky. Mining Institute Annual Meeting - Owensboro. Executive Inn. Contact: Geaunita Caylor, (859) 257-5500 or http://www.miningusa.com/kmi/kmi_agenda63.htm

Sept. 20-21 - Ky. Wood Expo - London. Laurel Co. Fairgrounds. Contact: Ky. Forest Industries Association, (502) 695-3979.

Sept. 23-25 - Ky. Semi-Annual Nonpoint Source Conference - Cadiz. Lake Barkley State Resort Park. Contact: Geaunita Caylor, (859) 257-5500 or <http://water.nr.state.ky.us/dow/npsconf.htm>

Sept. 27-29 - Ky. Association for Environmental Education State Conference - Cadiz. Lake Barkley State Resort Park. Information: <http://www.KAEE.org>

PERMIT PUBLIC NOTICES/HEARINGS

Ky. Division of Water - Water Discharge Permits

Contact Pam Horne, Div. of Water, (502) 564-3410.

• **123 KPDES Water Discharge Permits.** See Web site: <http://water.nr.state.ky.us/dow/public.htm>

• **Ky. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Frankfort (Franklin Co.)** - Denial of a permit for an existing sanitary discharge because the building is within one mile of the sewage system (KY0081710).

• **Sparta Hotel and Restaurant, Sparta (Gallatin Co.)** - Denial of a permit for an existing sanitary discharge because the restaurant and hotel are within the planning area of Carrollton Utilities. (KY0102903).

• **Bullitt County Board of Education, Shepherdsville (Bullitt Co.)** - Modification to an existing sanitary discharge of wastewater from three

public schools that enter tributaries of the Salt River Basin (KY0100994).

• **Owenton Wastewater Treatment Plant, Owenton (Owen Co.)** - Modification of an existing municipal discharge from a publicly owned treatment works that enters Stevens Creek (KY0087718).

• **Coal Mining Operations** - Notice of proposed issuance of KPDES General Permit No. KYG040000 for coal mining operations in Kentucky. Contact Larry Sowder or Courtney Seitz, (502) 564-3410.

• **Morganfield Wastewater Treatment Plant, Morganfield (Union Co.)** Preliminary determination that the modification to its pretreatment program meets applicable requirements. Public comment due by **July 7, 2002** (PT 2002-003).

Ky. Division of Waste Management - Solid Waste Notices

Contact: Anita Young, Div. of Waste Management, (502) 564-6716.

• **East Ky. Power Cooperative Inc., Maysville (Mason Co.)** - Expand the existing facility by 54 acres to continue to accept combusted coal by-products (fly ash, bottom ash, and FGD process wastes) that are generated by its Spurlock Power Station (#081-00005).

• **Demolition Disposal Services Inc., Lexington (Fayette Co.)** - Preliminary approval of a vertical expansion to extend the life of the landfill by about 5.3 years; gross air space will be increased from 1,722,410 cubic yards to 2,144,159 cubic yards (#034-00040).

• **Green Valley Landfill General Partnership, Ashland (Boyd Co.)** - Extend the expiration date of the Green Valley Landfill in Greenup Co. to November 25, 2005 (#045-00012).

• **Calgon Carbon Corporation, Ashland (Boyd Co.)** - Extend expiration date of permit to October 26, 2007 (#010-00010).

• **Daviess County Fiscal Court, Owensboro (Daviess Co.)** - Extend expiration date of permit to June 30, 2007 (#030-00004).

• **Arch Chemicals Inc., Brandenburg (Meade Co.)** - Extend expiration date of permit to December 4, 2007 (#082-00007).

• **Arch Chemicals Inc., Brandenburg (Meade Co.)** - Extend expiration date of permit to December 4, 2007 (#082-00008).

Ky. Division of Waste Management - Hazardous Waste Notices

Contact: Mary Ann Goins, Div. of Waste Management, (502)564-6716.

• **Safety Kleen Systems Inc., New Castle (Henry Co.)** - Tentative approval of a major modification to hazardous waste plan.

• **Grede Foundries Inc., Cynthiana (Harrison Co.)** - Tentative approval



Environmental Quality Commission Meeting Announcement

Contaminated Waste Sites in Kentucky: Issues and Needs July 30, 2002

1 p.m. Room 131 Capitol Annex, Frankfort

A review and status report on old landfills and abandoned waste sites in Kentucky, House Bill 174 and its impacts, and other challenges and needs to address these sites. Check the EQC Web site in the near future for a full agenda at www.kyeqc.net.

All EQC meetings are free and open to the public. Meeting facilities are accessible to people with disabilities. Auxiliary aids, interpreters and other services will be provided upon request by contacting EQC.

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of a permit modification to incorporate a corrective measures study report into its hazardous waste permit.

Ky. Division of Waste Mgmt. - Underground Storage Tanks

Contact: Ramendra Dutta, Div. of Waste Management, (502) 564-3410.

•Chevron Facility 49668, Lewis Co. (4943-068).

•Minit Mart 2223, Jessamine Co. (1500-056).

Ky. Division for Air Quality - Public Notices

Contact: George Day, Div. for Air Quality, (502) 573-3382.

•Title V Operating Permit - Blue Ridge Recycling, Irvine (Estill Co.); Daviess County Fiscal Court, Owensboro (Daviess Co.); Dozit Co., Morganfield (Union Co.); Epperson Waste Disposal, Williamstown (Grant Co.); Green Valley Environmental Corp. (Greenup/Boyd Co.); Hardin County Fiscal Court, Elizabethtown (Hardin Co.); Laurel Ridge Landfill, Lily (Laurel Co.); Republic Services, Sulfur (Trimble Co.); Republic Services, Hartford (Ohio Co.); Rumpke of Kentucky, Jeffersonville (Montgomery Co.); Rumpke of Kentucky, Butler (Pendleton Co.); Southern Sanitation, Russellville (Logan Co.); Tri K Landfill, Stanford (Lincoln Co.); Vanderbilt Chemical, Murray (Calloway Co.); AK Steel Corp., Ashland (Boyd Co.).

•Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Construction/Operating Permit - Quebecor World, Franklin (Simpson Co.).

•Title V Construction/Operating Permit - Katayama American Co., Shelbyville (Shelby Co.); Quebecor World, Franklin (Simpson Co.).

PROPOSED STATE REGS/REGULATORY ACTIONS

•Air Quality Regulations - A public hearing is scheduled for June 27, at 10 a.m., 803 Schenkel Lane in Frankfort to receive comments on the Div. of Air Quality two proposed regulations: 401 KAR 50:016 (amend air quality policies incorporated by reference), 401 KAR 63:105 (requirements for control technology determinations for major sources in accordance with Clean Air Act section 112 (g) & (j)). Contact: Carl Millanti at (502) 573-3382.

•Water Quality Regulations - A public hearing has been scheduled for June 25 to receive comments on amended regulations regarding the Ky. Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (KPDES) at 9 a.m. at the Franklin County Cooperative Extension Service. The majority of the changes to the seven amended regulations relate to federal regulations being promulgated into Kentucky's regulations. Contact: Ron Price at (502) 564-3410 or see http://water.nr.state.ky.us/dow/hrgnots.htm

•Termination of Lands Unsuitable for Mining, Pike Co. - A public hearing is scheduled on August 29, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. at East Ridge High School in Lick Creek in Pike Co. to take comment on a petition filed by the Clintwood Elkhorn Mining Co. for termination of a lands unsuitable for mining designation for a 211-acre site in Pike County near Elkhorn City and Lick Creek. The site was declared unsuitable for mining (with conditions) in 2000 due to its impacts to local water supplies. Contact Richard Wahrer, (502) 564-2320.



EQC staff Lola Lyle and Frances Kirchoff do their part to cleanup roadside litter in Ky.

Cleaning Up Kentucky: One Bag At a Time

EQC joined with others on Commonwealth Cleanup Week in March to Clean Up Kentucky. The EQC staff and others picked up 42 bags of litter along Highway 460 in Franklin County. More than 6,000 people picked up some 30,000 bags of trash across the state. Do your part and report a dump by calling toll free (800) NODUMPS.

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